

Go Fishing at Carter Caves State Resort Park

Carter Caves State Resort Park offers a variety of fishing opportunities, including fishing at 36-acre Smoky Valley Lake for largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish. Fishing is allowed only during daylight hours on this lake. No internal combustion engine may be operated on the lake. Anglers can also fish for smallmouth bass, spotted (Kentucky) bass, muskie, and panfish in Tygarts Creek that borders the park.

A 12-mile float fishing trip is possible on Tygarts Creek in the spring and after heavy rains in the summer from Olive Hill downstream through a scenic gorge to the Hwy 182 Bridge at the park entrance. Another 10-mile section is floatable from the Hwy 182 Bridge downstream to Iron Hill. The first 5 miles of this section takes you through the lower end of the gorge.

Carter Caves State Resort Park contains more than 20 caverns and is surrounded by scenic, forested hillsides. Overnight accommodations are available at Caveland Lodge, 10 cottages, and a campground.

